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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1887.

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PRICE, 2/- PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALICE, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. George STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOVAN, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DAWSON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILLIS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDREW PRICE & CO., Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row. SAN FRANCISCO AND ALASKA.—Porter generally.—BRAY & BLACK, New York. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, Melbourne and Sydney. CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLOR & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HINDESEN & CO., Manila. CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. DE CRUZ, SANTO DOMINGO & CO., AMYOT, N. MOAILE, FOOCHEE, HEDGE & CO., MANCHESTER, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., KELLY & WALSH, YOKOHAMA, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

BANKS.

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—In case of loss in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more of the amount at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 13 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books; but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank" is forwarded free by the Hongkong British Post Office in Hongkong and elsewhere.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1887.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—M. GROTE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
Hon. J. BELL IRVING, Esq.
W. H. DABBY, Esq.
H. L. DALMYPLE, Esq.
E. A. MCLEVER, Esq.
H. HOPFUS, Esq.
Chief Manager—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
Manager—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTS.

Credits granted on approved Societies, and every description of Banking, and Exchange business transacted.

Discounts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 24, 1887.

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Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A First Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. was paid to Contributors for the year 1886 last. This Day has been declared.

Warranties may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after the 20th instant.

By Order of the Board.

X. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A First Interim BONUS of TWENTY PER CENT. was paid to Contributors for the year 1886 last. This Day has been declared.

Warranties may be had on application at the Office on and after the 20th instant.

By Order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, April 20, 1887.

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Intimations.

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, on MONDAY, the 25th April, at half-past Ten o'clock p.m., for the presentation of the Report of the Directors and Accounts to the shareholders last, the declaration of Dividends and appropriation to Reserve Fund for the year 1886 and the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 26th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

ALEX. ROSS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 8, 1887.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY General MEETING will be held at the Company's Office in Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of April, 1887, at 12 o'clock noon, at which the following Special Resolutions will be brought forward:

That the Maximum Number of Directors authorized by Article No. 79 of the present Articles of Association shall be raised from Nine to Twelve.

That the words "Ten Thousand Dollars" shall be inserted in Article No. 81 of the present Articles of Association in lieu of the words "Seven Thousand Dollars."

That the word and figure "Clause 3" in the seventh line of Article No. 19 of the present Articles of Association be omitted from the said Article, which shall be read as if the said word and figure had never been inserted.

ISAAC HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 14, 1887.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

A EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held at the Club House, on FRIDAY, 29th Inst., at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of Confirming the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 18th Instant.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 18, 1887.

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STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LTD.

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

APPLICATIONS for the Post of SECRETARY to the above Companies, addressed to LOUIS R. GLASS, Esq., CHAIRMAN, Straits Insurance Company, Limited, Singapore, will be Received till the 30th Instant, at the Head Office.

By Order of the Directors,

C. D. KERR,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1887.

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NOTICE.

WE Have This DAY REMOVED to the 1ST FLOOR of No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD, opposite our Old Office.

DENNYS & MOSOP,
Solicitors & Notaries.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

A GLASGOW FIRM, with Practical Experience of the HARDWARE and ENGINEERS' TOOL TRADES, is prepared to act in England for Good Houses, or Commission. First-class references.

Replies to be addressed, at "Hope Street," care of this Office.

Hongkong, April 11, 1887.

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NOTICE.

M. GRIFFITH having made arrangements to remain on as a VERELY TENANT his STUDIO WORK will be carried on as heretofore, pending the completion of the contract for pulling down and rebuilding.

WHEN THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED.

This has been considerably agreed to, so that he may be able to complete the work in hand and take fittings from those who may wish to favour him by making early appointments for portraiture.

Correspondents at the ports will please take this as a reply to their NUMEROUS ENQUIRIES.

Hongkong, March 31, 1887.

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DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly ATTACHED APPRENTICE and FIRST ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGER.)

To the request of his European and American Friends, and Friends, has TAKEN THIS OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGER.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1887.

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SAILOR'S HOME.

MY Cabin Clearance Books, or

Papers will be kindly received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 27, 1887.

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Business Notices.

Summer!

STAG HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN TABLES.

WINE, SPIRITS AND OTHER QUOTERS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887.

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KELLY & WALSH, LTD., HONGKONG.

NEW DANCE MUSIC.

LEAVES and Flowers; Waltz, by C. Deacon.

Fond Hearts; Waltz, by A. Clarke.

Evelyn; Waltz, by L. Dillidell.

Our Diva; Waltz, by L. Dillidell.

Queen of My Heart; Waltz, from Dorothy.

The Station; Waltz, by C. Lowthian.

Summer; Waltz, by C. Lowthian.

Believe; Waltz, by F. Fahrboeck.

Little Sailor; Waltz, by A. Grove.

Rapile; Waltz, by B. B. Hart.

Our Last; Waltz, by C. Lowthian.

Dorothy; Waltz, by P. Boccezi.

Never to Part; Waltz, by Lila Clay.

Charterine; Polka, by A. Moul.

Jockey; Quadrille, by Hamilton Clarke.

Dorothy; Quadrille, by P. Boccezi.

Kelly; Quadrille, by C. Deacon.

Vanilla; Waltz, by

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP DJEMNAH.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, Antwerp, and Borden, ex S.S. Gange, Romana and Frederic Morel, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at the risk of the Consignees' Godowns, whose delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded unless instruction is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day (Sunday), the 17th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, April 25, 1887, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before WEDNESDAY, the 27th April, 1887, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, April 17, 1887. 740

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Le Havre and Melbourne.
A (in diamond), 1/3—3 cases Chiles, Augera, &c., from London, consigned to Order.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, April 14, 1887. 708

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Nippon*.

Capt'n F. SCHULZ, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 24th Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 764

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers through rates
to CHIEFOU, TIENTSIN, NEW-
CHAWNG, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Capt'n BACHNER, will be
despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 777

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*.

Capt'n GODDARD, will be despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 26th Instant, at
Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 782

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, and taking
through cargo for BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE, TASMANIA, NEW
ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer

Chydria, Captain PRACE, due To-

day, with part cargo from JAPAN, will be despatched as above at 6 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant.

The Steamer has excellent Accommodation for First-class Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Managers.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 778

INTIMATIONS.

NOW COMPLETE
WITH
SUPPLEMENT.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY
IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT,
BY
DR. E. J. NITTEL

CROWN OCTAVO, pp. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, ... \$2.50
Part II. K-M, ... \$1.00
Part III. M-T, ... \$2.00
Part IV. T-Y, ... \$2.00
Supplement, ... \$0.50
Reduced price, Complete Set, \$10.00,
or, for Five Sets, \$40.00.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains nearly all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire. Whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, is published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 4, 1887.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.

EIGHTH AND LAST DRAWING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Chinese Yearly MEETING of the Company will be held at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on MONDAY, the 2nd day of May next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 1886.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be

CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th April, to MONDAY, the 2nd May, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

H. A. WOOLNOUGH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 786

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

EUDORA, British barque, Captain C. E. Fulton.—Chinese.

FIFERSHIRE, British barque, Capt. Robt. Greig.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 783

NOTICE.

THE ADDRESS to His EXCELLENCE the Administrator will be presented at Government House at Noon on MONDAY, 25th Instant, when the attendance of all is invited.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 785

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Moyne*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 1st Proxime, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godown after the 1st Proxime will be subject to rent.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 23rd Instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 23, 1887. 781

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 23, 1887.—

Glenfruin, British steamer, 1,936, E.

Norman, Saigon April 19, Bico.—JARDINE,

MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Moyne, British steamer, 1,915, J. S.

Hogg, London and Singapore April 16.

Canton, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Five Chua Chon Koo, British steamer,

1,012, H. Lightwood, Bangkok April 17.

Rics and General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Vestnik, Russian corvette, from Whampoa.

Dafna, British steamer, 535, J. Watt,

Haiphong April 21, General.—A. R. MART.

DEPARTURES.

April 23.—

Tschern, for Yokohama.

Borduria, for Bangkok.

Tetragon, for Nagasaki.

Mercury, for Amoy.

Flocken, for Whampoa.

Wingate, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Kiang Lee, for Shanghai.

Stettin, for Singapore.

CLEARING.

Himalaya, for Amoy and Manila.

Fort Victoria, for Saigon.

Moyne, for Shanghai.

James Watt, for Haiphong.

Hailoung, for Amoy and Tamsui.

Viceregal, for Chefoo.

Chrysanthemum, for Bangkok.

Canton, for Saigon.

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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Glenfruin, from Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per Moyne, from Singapore, 250 Chi-

noos.

Per Five Chua Chon Koo, from Bang-

kok, Mr. Whitehouse, and 91 Chinese.

Per Dafna, from Haiphong, Mr. Myers,

and 12 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.

Per Tschern, for Yokohama; from Hong-

kong, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Davis, Miss

Quiney, Major and Mrs. Gould, European

and American ladies, Mr. and Mrs.

Brooks, and Lieut. Brown, from London.

Per Five Chua Chon Koo, from Bangkok, Messrs.

H. Black and Ulrich; from Calcutta, Mr.

W. S. Orme; from Singapore, Mr. J. F.

Leatore. For Kobe, from London, Mr. A.

Japan.

Per Stettin, for Singapore, 460 Chinese.

TO DESTIN.

Per Port Victoria, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per Ningpo, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

Per James Watt, for Haiphong, 12 Chi-

noos.

Per Signal, for Hoihow, 60 Chinese.

Per Hailoung, for Amoy, 150 Chinese.

Per Canton, for Shanghai, 30 Chinese.

SHIP REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glenfruin* reports:

First port moderate S. wind; later part

light N.E. wind. Passed the steamer

Glenfruin, off Cape St. James, bound into

Saigon.

The British steamer *Moyne* reports:

First port moderate S. wind; later part

light N.E. wind. Passed the steamer

Glenfruin, off Cape St. James, bound into

THE CHINA MAIL.

The retirement of Mr. Marsh from the Administrators'hip on Monday will again be marked by the presentation of an address from the community expressive of its respect and appreciation of his services. When Mr. Marsh retired from his twelve months' Administrators'hip in April 1883, just preceding the arrival of Sir George Bowen, he was made the recipient of an address which was signed extensively by representatives of all classes. In this address he was assured of the esteem and regard of the whole community, and complimented warmly on the quiet but effective and vigorous manner in which the business of the Colony had been carried on. A similar tribute is now as fully deserved.

Mr. Marsh, during his second term of office, has shown himself willing, in his own unostentatious way, to do all he possibly could for the welfare of the community, and has been ever ready to represent its views to the home authorities and back them up where he could agree with them. He could not agree with them, he has always had the honesty to say so, and this straightforwardness is a characteristic which those who have had experience of the crooked ways of former Governors of this Colony know how to admire. During his regime, the proceedings of the Legislative Council have been wholly free from unseemly squabbling, and been conducted with the greatest harmony. During his Administrators'hip, too, the Government machine has been kept working smoothly. Whether this is due to good fortune or good guidance, some credit must be awarded to him for the preservation of harmony between the various departments and his subordinates, because where there are many branches friction must occasionally arise. The dignity and reputation which should rightly belong to Government House have also been more than maintained during his residence there. Altogether, therefore, it is fitting that the public should suitably recognise the services of one who has striven without parade to honestly discharge all the important and sometimes difficult duties which devolve on an administrator. As Mr. Ryrie expressed it, Mr. Marsh leaves the service with a highly honourable record, and we are sure he will carry with him the sincere good wishes of the Community, who trust he will be speedily restored to perfect health and that he and Mrs. Marsh may enjoy life for many years to come.

The *Hu-pao* says that some very valuable coal seams have just been discovered between K'ipok and Baonlin in Tonking. Without going deep, the upper seams in one deposit are estimated at 8,000,000 tons. Tonking produces annually 100,000 tons of coal from English and French, and greater quantities are said to be discovered. The Red River at Hanoi where the rapids and rocks render navigation dangerous.

The *Hu-pao* says that a new system of levying taxes on Hawkow tea is being organized this year. Instead of charging the power four per cent. on his price of the time he receives it from the dealer, in future the charge will be so much a picul, and the season will be divided into four periods, the 't'u ch'u' or 'first spring,' the 'ts' ch'u' or 'young tea,' the 'hu hu' or 'lily flowers,' and the 'ch'u ch'u' or 'autumn tea.' The nominal *ts'eh* will be 800 large cash the picul, payable when the opium dealer receives the tea from the rustic grower, and receipts will be given. But only seventy per cent. of the nominal tax will be levied during the first period, and at each successive period a deduction of thirty per cent. will be made on the payment of the preceding period. The *ts'eh* on Kwachang will be Tls. .009 government weight on each picul. The expression used for seventy per cent. (or thirty per cent. deduction) is 'ts' ts'eh,' but possibly this may have a different local signification.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That this interminable muddling of the Jubilee Celebration projects is pressing on the spot, people are wondering what is to be done with the old one which has served so long and so faithfully. That there is some talk of its being utilized for another place of worship here, if the 'kist' can be put in order by the organ-builder who has arrived with the new organ.

That little need be said of the course of the Stock Market during the past week. That Banks have risen about 14 per cent. Docks 8 or 9 points, Hongkong Fire \$12.12, Ices \$3 or \$4, Lusons \$16, and Wharves about \$20; while China Sugar have gone back a few points, and Pus' men remain about the same.

That further reported changes favourable to the Wharf and Godown Co. continue to keep this stock in favour.

That the Acting Governor will be enabled to leave this Colony on Monday next, with the feeling that the Opium difficulty has been nearly overcome, and that all parties have been favourably considered in the endeavour to find a settlement.

That the wearied legislators in the Council Chamber are likely soon to enter upon a period of rest, and that many of the members seem to meditate a flight to more Northern climes.

That the Acting Attorney General certainly deserves the rest which he is not likely to get, as he has laboured hard all through the Session.

That very little legislation has been left to be done by General Activity, but that administrative work is more in his line. That, as regards the Opium scheme, no great diplomatic difficulty appears to be anticipated by the Acting Chief Justice.

That the Slender Hours Bill is one of those measures which is being always shunted so as to clear the line for something else. That it looks ominous to see the proposal to read the Public Health Bill, a first item now quietly followed by a suggestion to put off its consideration for six months.

That the Bill read's first time for regulating the building of Chinese Houses will require watching.

That the draft of the Report of the Land Commission is said to have been returned by Sir George Phillipps, the Chairman, with many suggestions; but that this ponderous document, affecting as it does so many far-reaching changes, will most likely have to be first considered at Home.

That, when the new Hongkong Land Bill does come on for discussion, it will be the fruit of much careful labour.

That the old P. & Co. Company has been getting more than its fair share of misfortunes during this year of jubiles, but that every Englishman will be glad to note that it still preserves its proud position as a safe passenger-carrier, even at the cost of some of its best officers' lives.

That the new line to Vancouver will, it is now reported, be opened by the Abyssinia.

That the report of Mr. Drew on the China trade of last year shows gratifying results, and that the suggestions there given indicate continued progress.

That the proposal now made by Sir Robert Hart to place a heavy tax on native opium, though repeatedly hinted at by the Marquis Tseng when in England, is not likely to be adopted, as it would prove injurious to the interests of many of the provincial officials.

That the imposition of such a tax would probably give a fillip to the import of Indian opium.

That the members of the A. D. C. of Hongkong are again to be congratulated upon the fact that they have given another performance which, whatever it may be, its shortcomings, appeared to give great pleasure to a large and fashionable audience.

That special congratulations may be permitted upon the advent of a new lady member, whose versatile powers should make the future success of these popular entertainments more easy of attainment. That the running fire of the 'old Irish Corporeal' was worth all the money.

That it is said the new Masonic Club is not being so extensively supported as might have been expected.

That the proposal to admit associate members is a good one, and will greatly enlarge the sphere of usefulness open to this institution.

That the bowling alley, when completed, will be the best in the Colony.

That the new organ for St. John's Cathedral will take five or six weeks to construct.

That now the new instrument is on the spot, people are wondering what is to be done with the old one which has served so long and so faithfully.

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That little need be said of the course of the Stock Market during the past week.

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That further reported changes favourable to the Wharf and Godown Co. continue to keep this stock in favour.

BROWNSTEIN.

THE A. D. C. AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

The Amateur Dramatic Club gave their closing performance of the Season at the Theatre Royal last night, when they produced the one-act comedietta by William Broome, entitled 'A Comical Counterfeiter' and H. J. Byron's three-act comedy 'Old Soldiers.' There was a good house, and among those present were H. E. Major-General Cameron and party. Some of the A. D. C. have not been quite so successful this season as they have been in previous years, and the unusually high standard of excellence formerly reached by

them has not been always maintained. It is, however, gratifying to have to state that last night's performance was thoroughly enjoyed by most of those present, and that it was more of a success than were the two previous entertainments. We cannot, in a place like Hongkong—where the community changes almost entirely in the dozen years' time—continue to retain the old favourites; but new members are ever arriving to help on the good-natured efforts of the hardworking Amateurs, and there is no reason to suppose but that future performances will in time again become as ware those of the old palmy days.

There is no lack of sparkle and plausibility in 'A Comical Counterfeiter,' although the 'hero' shuns the part to the last. The Chevalier is supposed to be a Parisian Fete to have given mortal offence to Madame Pompadour, the Court favourite, and has disguised himself as his own servant to avoid the unpleasant consequences. In this capacity he is engaged as servant to the Countess de L'Esquierre, who, formerly a sweethearts of the Chevalier and now a widow, recognises her lover in the favored jockey. This situation furnishes most of the amusement in the piece; and it must be said that the love-making was charmingly done on both sides. Baron de Bergone, who introduced the Chevalier to the service of the Countess, in the hope of rewarding certain fondings of the Chevalier, has indeed, as his own confidante, with the rather suspicious history which leads to the Chevalier revealing himself. The Countess appears in a mask, and, to test the bravery of the Chevalier, persists in fighting a duel herself with him; this he reluctantly does, shamming his fair antagonist. The gentlemen then settle their quarrel, and the scene closes by the Countess giving her hand to the Chevalier.

The piece altogether went smoothly, it was the cause of much mirth and hearty applause, and 'as we have always stated' it was excellently staged. The Regimental Band, with their usual ability, played during the pauses; and the usual noises outside the Theatre interfered with the voices on the stage; and the usual disgraceful and easily remedied scruples for chair rattled when the audience got outside the building at the close of the performance.

THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF 1881 AND 1880.

A comparison of the items of Revenue for 1881, which Sir John Pope Hennessy boasted was thus far the largest ever collected in the Colony and for which he took no small amount of credit to himself, and the revenue for last year, which is larger than that for 1880 by nearly \$60,000, and over which there has been no gubernatorial vaunting, shows that the increase has been substantial in almost every department.

The amount realised from land was, of course, considerably less last year than in 1881, as there was now of the unchartered speculation which was so prevalent, and the fact that the total revenue has been maintained, despite a fall of in one source alone of \$175,000, shows that the increasing prosperity of the Colony is substantial and also reflects a certain amount of credit on those charged with the management of its financial affairs.

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LOST.
He sought to his home, and the old man without there's something amiss.
He only went to the town—then he sought him back by this.

He would ride the Rockies still, he would have his wilful way.

And, here, he's not back at sundown—and what will his mother say?

He was always his mother's idol, since over his father died; And there isn't a hero in the station that he isn't going to ride.

But that Redhead mare is vicious, and if once she gets away—

He hasn't got strength to hold her—and what will his mother say?

The old man walked to the spiral, and parred up the dark'ning track, And looked and longed for the rider that would never more come back to him. And the mother came and watched him, with sudden, spasmodic flight;

'What has become of Willis?—why isn't he home to-night?

Away in the gloomy ranges, at the foot of an ironbank, The bonnie, winsome laddie was lying stiff and stark;

For the Redhead mare had smashed him against a leaping limit, And his comely face was battered, and his merry eyes were dim.

And the thoroughbred chestnut filly, the colt beneath her flanks, Was away like fire through the ranges to join the wild mob's ranks; And a broken-hearted woman and an old man worn and gray.

Were searching all night in the ranges till the sunrise brought the day.

And the mother kept feebly calling, with a hope that would not die,

"Willie! where are you, Willie?" But how can the dead reply?

And the horse died out with the daylight, and the darkness brought despair.

God pity the stricken mother, and answer the widow's prayer!

Though far and wide they sought him, they found not where he fell; For the ranges held his precious, and guarded their treasure well.

The wattle blooms above him, and the blue bells blow close by;

And the brown bees buzz the secret, and the wild birds sing reply.

But the mother pined and faded, and cried, and took no rest.

And rode each day to the ranges on her hopeless, weary quest.

Seeking her loved one ever, she faded and pined away;

But with strength of her great affection she still sought every day.

"I know that sooner or later I shall find my boy," she said.

But she could not home one evening, and ne'er found her lying dead.

And stoned on the poor pale features, as the spirit homeward passed,

Was an angel smile of sadness—she had found the boy at last.

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THE FATHER'S REVENGE.

Major Buford, called by way of amazement, "The Major," was the most noted duelist of his day. A dead shot, a perfect master of fence, and in his sallies utterly relentless, his name had become a terror to all who knew him.

In the midst of a knot of admiring friends one day the Major was boasting of his last attack, and incomparably explaining how it came and ended only mortally wounded his adversary instead of killing him on the spot, when one of two gentlemen standing behind him suddenly advanced and struck him in the face.

The spectators stood agast. What could have tempted the stranger to rush thus madly on his fate? He was an old man. Already, to appearance, had threecore years and ten passed over his head. He must have been indeed weary of a life whose brief remnant he was ready to cast away so recklessly.

The Major was astounded. The very audacity of the outrage struck him with amazement.

"Is the provocation sufficient, or must I repeat it? Inquired his assailant.

The Major's first impulse was to return blow for blow. But here and there all wore his passion, he had schooled himself to complete mastery over it. In a moment's reflection told him how helpless, under the circumstances, would be a public brawl. The stranger, who had received word of his last one reparation, and that would suffice to let one reparation, and that would suffice to lose no time in seeking.

"The insult is sufficient," he answered, with forced calmness. "Oblige me by naming a friend—your own name I care not—in whom I may repay myself."

"This gentleman," replied the other, resuming the arm of his companion, "will return here in an hour to confer with any one you may designate."

And the two strangers took their leave together.

At sunrise on the following morning the principals and their seconds made their appearance on the ground selected. No one else was present, but even a surgeon.

The Major, in his past experience, never had needed one, and his opponent, it was plain, was careless of consequences.

There was no necessity for delay. The preliminaries had all been settled. The parties were to fire with pistol at ten paces, the combatants continuing till one or both had fallen. One condition had been imposed upon the stranger which called an adjournment to the Major's check, as it seemed to imply an imputation upon his honour, though he submitted to it with the best grace he could. It was that, before placing the combatants, the bodies of both should be inspected, to see that no secret protective device was employed by either.

The ground was measured, and the men placed. There was a marked contrast between the two in more respects than that of years. The old man, erect and motionless as a statue, his whitened locks floating in the breeze, never once looked at his antagonist, towards whom his side was turned.

His face was stern and determined, but had nothing malignant in it. The Major, on the other hand, glared fixedly on his foe, staring even through the few moments of life yet left to him.

"Who's my own father? I would kill him!" he said, and, replied to some whispered expostulations of his second, who was evidently touched by the old man's venerable appearance.

The pistols were put in the hands of the principals, and the giving of the words was explained.

Gentlemen, are you ready?

"Ready," both answered.

Still the old man moved not, nor did he direct a single glance at his adversary. His eyes were fixed in front. His attitude was one of repose, attention. He seemed like one listening intently.

"Fire!"

Without changing the direction of his gaze, or other movement than that of his arm, which rose with the precision and steadiness of a highly skilled marksman, the old man brought his pistol to the level of his enemy's breast. For an instant he

held it there. Still no look in the direction it pointed. Still the same appearance of eager listening.

The Major was in no hurry. He could afford to take his time with man who had hidden his pistol at random without looking whitherward. He took deliberate aim. He was determined to make sure work. If his ball missed his adversary's heart, though but the fraction of an inch, he would never make pretension to skill again.

The sharp report of the stranger's pistol was followed by a convulsive jerk of his Major's arm, the discharge of his own gun, wide of its mark, while his

stepping a few paces backward, fell heavily to the ground.

"Conduct me to him," said the old man to his friend.

The latter took his principal's arm and led him close to the prostrate form of the Major, whose second, kneeling by his side, had torn open his garments, to view the fatal wound in his breast made by the stranger's bullet.

"Is your friend seriously hurt?" coolly inquired the latter.

"You can see for yourself, sir," the second answered.

"Then you are in error," replied the older, "for he is totally blind."

The wounded man (who had by this time revolved a little) and his friend looked at the stranger in astonishment. There was no visible defect in his organs of vision, but there was that fixity of look, that bending of the eyes on vacancy, which so unmistakably evinced the absence of sight.

"Who are you, and what was your motive in seeking this encounter?" coolly asked the Major.

"First, are you in a condition to renew it?" inquired the stranger.

"There is no need; I am dying."

"When I have told you who I am, I shall tell my motives for what I have done."

"No wonder you have forgotten James Morton," he continued, "for he is greatly changed, no doubt."

The dying man started and greamed bitterly.

"But I have never forgotten you, Richard Balfour, nor the injuries you have done me."

A shamed daughter, the pride of my eyes and the joy of her mother's heart, you snatched from her home, decroyed by a man married, and then abandoned to die of a broken heart.

"My son, and only remaining child, in a rash attempt to revenge his sister's wrong, fell a victim to your accursed skill. You even robbed him of the ordinary chances of combat, unequal as they would have been, by encasing your cowardly body in concealed armour."

The lot of both our children unmet my wife's reason, and she died in a dim house.

"Could I have found you then, I would have given you no chance for your life, but you have always professed to be kind, and I would not do you, you feared and envied me."

"Yet I know, should I one day meet, and I registered a vow that when we did I would offer you a sacrifice to your own interest."

To this end I studied to become an adept in it and succeeded. And when at length blindness cast its shadow upon me and seemed to render hopeless the fulfillment of my vow, instead of abandoning it I betook myself to a new species of practice.

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"I'm dead," he said, and its wonted expression of sober melancholy settled again upon the old man's face, as, taking his companion's arm, he turned and walked leisurely away. —*New York News*.

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Yours truly,

W. K. BAKER.

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(Signed) H. Lloyd-Jones.

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"To Good Roads. Plumbstone,

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I find the sale of your medicines increases every year, and everyone speaks well of them that tries them. I know a lady that attended the Female Hospital in Soho-square for some months, with pain in back, and sides, and bilious, and could take no food, but got no benefit from any of the medicines they gave her. Before she had taken all the contents of one bottle of your syrup she felt relief, and is now quite well.

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